

## SIXTY-SIX DRAW WAGES AT ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Unemployed Heads of Families Eager to Work to Relieve String of Charity.

### SITUATION UNPRECEDENTED

In Spite of Liberal Responses, Large Sum Is Needed to Carry on Work. Tragic Drug Company to Give Share of Sales on Thursday.

#### Contributions Yesterday

Cash, O. V. P.	\$ 3.00
Mrs. S. H. Purcell, Schuyler	1.00
Evangelist W. A. Cuddy	2.00
Washington, D. C.	5.00
Walter Wilson	10.00
Amount received	\$ 21.00
Previously acknowledged	\$ 292.00
Total received	\$ 313.00

Pride glowed from the faces of sixty-six men yesterday afternoon as they received from Dr. James Buchanan, secretary of the Associated Charities, the wages earned by the sweat of their brows during the past week. A miserable pittance the largest sum might be called, but to each of those sixty-six men, the coins represented manhood and self-respect. They were not beggars, but men collecting for honest toll, and receiving in return something with which to appease the hunger of their destitute families.

Richmond people responded liberally last week to the urgent appeal for help sent out by the Associated Charities. More than \$2,500 in cash was donated, and contributions of clothing and food were received.

Liberal and continued support will be needed to carry on the work undertaken of keeping families together and caring for those who, in other times, are self-supporting members of the community.

#### MANY SKILLED MEN ARE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

It is an unprecedented situation which is being met by the Associated Charities. In spite of the local factories holding their own, and budding prosperity seemingly in sight, there are hundreds of people dependent on charity, and Dr. Buchanan asserts that there are more skilled men out of employment here than ever before known by him—and he has been engaged in the local field for eleven winters.

The Associated Charities is undertaking to supply every demand on it within reason. Not a case is reported but receives attention. If it is a worthy case, something is done. Oftentimes it is impossible to do as much as is really necessary, but within limitations something is done.

Yesterday there came into the office of Dr. Buchanan a strapping big fellow. He had been working all day in the basement of the big building housing the Associated Charities, sawing and splitting wood, that he might earn money for his wife and children. He had worked in the same place the day before and the day before that. His wages amounted to \$2.75.

#### EVICTED WHEN UNABLE TO PAY HIS RENT

This man is living in two rooms at the home of a relative. For nine years he had enjoyed a comfortable living. Four months ago he was laid off, and when he was unable to meet his rent he was evicted. A neighbor kindly consented to permit him to store his furniture in a woodshed and loaned him \$5 to move some bedding and other necessities, keeping the furniture as security. Now the family sleeps on the floor. One child must be operated on this week and the other is developing pneumonia. This man went thirty-seven miles away to get work, but was unable to secure employment, and walked the entire distance back.

Many such instances are brought to the attention of the Associated Charities, and these cases are the ones that demand money. This man is willing to work, but cannot get any work to do. He will saw wood at 12½ cents an hour, but, meanwhile, he cannot get his furniture, nor can he buy medicine

for his sick child. Any person as skeptical as a wealthy man in this city who yesterday asked that names be given him so that he could conduct his own investigations will be accommodated by Dr. Buchanan.

During the week an average of sixty-six men have been kept employed sawing wood. This is a business proposition between them and the Associated Charities. It is a guarantee of good faith and willingness to work, and is aside from the actual charitable work of the association. Only heads of families are paid, single men and drifters being required to perform the labor for food and shelter.

#### NEED \$5,000 AS SPECIAL FUND FOR UNEMPLOYED

The willing laborers earned \$208.77 by their work during the week. This was in addition to food and medicine given to them where dire necessity confronted them. Any one of these sixty-three men is anxious for steady employment, but, for the first time in his experience, Dr. Buchanan has no jobs in sight to send them to.

It will take \$20,000 to run the Associated Charities this year. In the past it has taken \$15,000, but the situation is worse, and the demands greater than ever before, and, by the most conservative estimate, at least \$5,000 additional is needed.

Through The Times-Dispatch a portion of this fund has been raised. Some of this money has been sent to the paper, and the remainder has been remitted direct to the institution or its officers.

Sums ranging from 10 cents to \$100 have been received by the Associated Charities during the past week. Yesterday C. C. Chapin, treasurer, met an elderly woman, apparently in none too good circumstances.

"I have just received a gift of \$5," she said, "and I am going to divide with the Associated Charities."

#### WOMAN BRINGS IN ALL HER COPPERS

Another woman in moderate circumstances for the past few years has never spent a copper if she could avoid doing so. All of these small coins have been hoarded by her. Yesterday she brought a cigar box full of pennies to Dr. Buchanan. The amount was \$3.24. It will give employment for several days to one of the amateur wood sawyers.

Touched by conditions shown by The Times-Dispatch, T. Elwood Tragle, proprietor of the Tragic Drug Company, announced yesterday that he would contribute one-tenth of the total sales at his store, 317 East Broad Street, on Thursday to the Associated Charities.

From Walter Wilson was received a

check for \$10 yesterday. Mr. Wilson wrote:

"I want to be of some help to the needy poor of your city. I think you are doing a grand work, and I am glad to do something to help my less fortunate brother."

#### GIVES PREFERENCE TO MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK

Contributors to the work of the Associated Charities need have no fear that their money is not put to good use, or that any of it goes into the hands of impostors. Dr. Buchanan has a complete record of 3,000 white families in the city who have appealed for help in past years, and is familiar, for a great extent, with the poor of the city, and can spot impostors and fakers at a glance.

Men willing to work are helped, by Dr. Buchanan. He is a great believer in testing out his applicants, and he finds that many men will come to him for assistance if they can do something to take away the sting of charity. No person is turned away hungry from the Associated Charities if worthy. Bags of food are prepared and issued out to callers, while drifters and strangers are given food and a bed in return for their labor. A steaming pot of stew and a boiler of coffee are on the back of a stove all night, in case of a call for food.

#### Will Appoint Special Policemen.

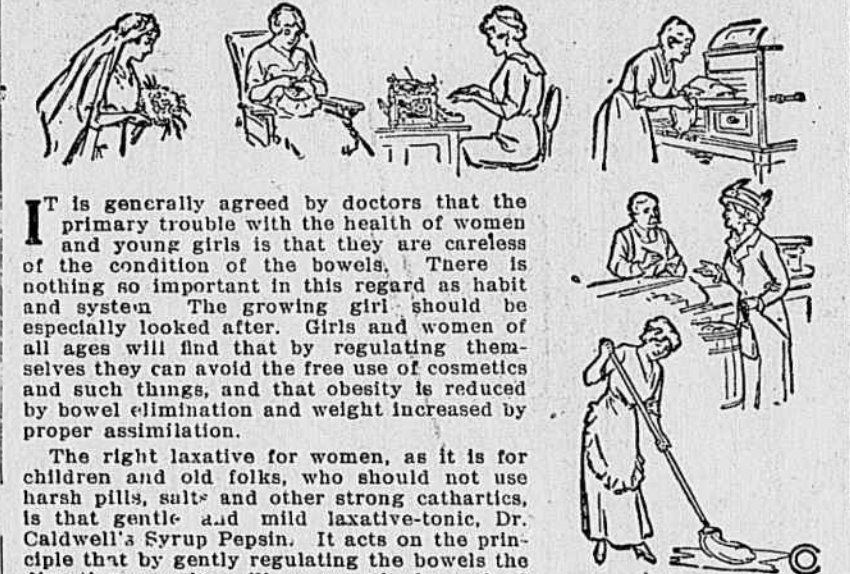
Men on the reserve list of the local police force to the number of twelve will be appointed special police on December 15 to assist in regular force during the holiday rush. The announcement was given out at police headquarters yesterday. It was also said that several of the reserve district detectives possibly would be assigned to regular detective work for that period.

#### Fined for Using Wrong Measure.

R. D. Alvey, manager of the J. G. McCrory and Sons Store, was yesterday fined \$5 and costs in the Police Court when arraigned on a charge of using a liquid measure for dry products. The charge was preferred against Alvey by City Sealer of Weights and Measures T. W. Joseph.

#### Corporations Fail to Make Reports.

Six concerns which have failed to make their annual reports to the State Corporation Commission were yesterday served with rules issued by Clerk Richard T. Wilson, stating their failure to appear and show cause why they should not be fined. The incorporated concerns are the East End Building Corporation, the Commercial Trust and Construction Company, the Lowenberg Corporation and the Exposition Realty Corporation, all of Norfolk; the Otter River Stone Company, of Lynch's Station, and the Barger Milling Company, of Bristol. The rules are returnable December 22.



It is generally agreed by doctors that the primary trouble with the health of women and young girls is that they are careless of the condition of the bowels. There is nothing so important in this regard as habit and system. The growing girl should be especially looked after. Girls and women of all ages will find that by regulating themselves they can avoid the free use of cosmetics and such things, and that obesity is reduced by bowel elimination and weight increased by proper assimilation.

The right laxative for women, as it is for children and old folks, who should not use harsh pills, salt and other strong cathartics, is that gentle and mild laxative- tonic, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It acts on the principle that by gently regulating the bowels the digestive muscles will soon again be trained to do their work naturally and unaided. Thousands of families use it regularly, and it has been the standard in good American homes for two generations. Mrs. Ella Robinson, of 836 Trombley St., Ft. Worth, Tex., says she will never be without Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. She uses it herself and gives it to her little girl, and believes she will not need the doctor so often now. Mrs. T. Blue, of 442 College St., Cape Girardeau, Mo., makes Syrup Pepsin her family remedy and says she would not be without it for twice its price.

You will find Syrup Pepsin very effective as a remedy for constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, belching, gas on the stomach, foul breath, headaches, bloating, etc. Druggists sell it at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle.

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#### BELLWOOD TO EXHIBIT

Will Show Products of Chesterfield Farm at San Francisco.

James Bellwood, the Chesterfield dairyman, who will have an individual exhibit in connection with the Virginia agricultural exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, called at the office of Governor Stuart, executive chairman of the Virginia Commission, yesterday, to notify the commission that the dairy exhibit would be ready for shipment before the end of this month.

He was informed that the commission had directed the loading of the dairy exhibit with the agricultural and educational exhibits. The car in which these divisions of the Virginia exhibit are to be carried across the continent will be here December 31. The remainder of the Virginia exhibit will be loaded at Washington, where the furniture and decorations for the Virginia building, Mount Vernon, are to be loaded on another car. Arrangements for the shipments from Virginia to San Francisco have been made with the railroad agents by the commission.

#### NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE; PROTESTED INNOCENCE

Charged With Complicity in Murder of Sylvester Postmaster—Fifth Lynching in Parish Within Ten Days.

SHREVEPORT, La., December 12.—Watkins Lewis, a negro, accused of complicity in the murder of Charles M. Hicks, postmaster at Sylvester, La., was burned at the stake last night by a mob, despite his protestations of innocence, according to information secured to-day. His charred body was found to-day bound to a tree near Sylvester, in the southern part of Caddo Parish.

Watkins Lewis was the fifth negro put to death by a mob in this parish within ten days, and the eighth in a

year. Two were lynched last week for alleged implication in the killing of Hicks and the robbery of his store, and early last night two others were taken from a deputy sheriff near Shreveport after they are said to have confessed to the killing of Cyrus Hotchkiss, an oil field worker, and hanged.

District Judge Bell to-day ordered the grand jury to meet in special session next Wednesday to investigate the lynchings.

Lewis was taken from the parish jail here by five men, who gained entrance through a window and overpowered the fallen. He was taken from the prison in an automobile and no trace of either the man or his captors was found until the finding of his body near Sylvester was reported. It is said that several hundred men participated in the lynching.

Sheriff Flournoy was absent from Shreveport yesterday on a hunting trip. To-night conditions at Sylvester were reported quiet, and no further disorder is anticipated.

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